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## **BORDER PATROL AGENTS ARREST HOMICIDE SUSPECT**

### *Agents Arrest Foreign National Wanted In Denton, Texas*

***Santa Teresa, New Mexico***— Agents of the Border Patrol, a division of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, apprehended a man Sunday night sought by authorities on homicide charges after he entered the United States illegally and attempted to drive through a Border Patrol traffic checkpoint on New Mexico Highway 9, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Late Sunday evening, Border Patrol agents observed a blue 1991 Toyota approach the checkpoint for inspection. The vehicle was driven by a man later identified Luis Rosalio Ramirez, of Zacatecas, Mexico. He was accompanied by a woman identified as his wife and his infant son. After routine questions pertaining to their citizenship, they admitted to being in the United States illegally.

Through fingerprint identification technology, the subject's name and biographical information was quickly revealed. The record check disclosed that the subject was wanted in Texas on homicide charges. The warrant was verified through the Denton County Sheriff's Department, who are interested in extraditing the subject to Denton, Texas.

The technology, CBP's Automated Biometric Identification System known as IDENT, is designed to provide a rapid identification of individuals by electronically comparing a live-scanned fingerprint against a previously digitally captured or scanned fingerprint. The right and left index fingerprints are scanned and transmitted electronically to a centralized biometric database for query. The IDENT records are divided into two categories: persons who are aggravated felons, suspected narcotics or alien smugglers, national security risks or otherwise thought to be a risk to the officer; and encounters including previously intercepted or removed persons from the country for lesser violations.

Agents remanded Ramirez to the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department pending the subject's extradition to Texas. The subject's wife and son were granted a voluntary return to Mexico that same day, after being interviewed by a representative of the Office of the Mexican Consulate in El Paso.

The Border Patrol is a division of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, a new agency within the Department of Homeland Security responsible for managing and securing our Nation's borders.

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**\*\*A digital photo of the suspect is available to all interested members of the media**